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SUBJECT: REPORTED HIGHJACKING OF GULF AIR AIRCRAFT

- 1. ACCORDING TO OMANI DGCA AND POLICE SOURCES, GULF AIR HIGHJACKED AIRCRAFT WAS MAKING LAST LEG OF LONDON-DUBAI-MUSCAT FLIGHT (FLT. #122). THE PLANE WAS A VC-10. HIJACKING OCCURRED 35 MILES FROM SEEB AFTER PLANE TOOK OFF FROM DUBAI AIRPORT. THE QATAR GOVERNMENT ALLOWED THE PLANE TO LAND SINCE ONLY 25 MINUTES OF FUEL WERE LEFT ON BOARD.
- 2. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS YET OF IDENTITY OF HIJACKERS OR WHAT GROUPS WERE INVOLVED. OMANI DGCA IS TRYING TO SET UP A SPECIAL LINE TO QATAR AIRPORT, BUT NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED AS YET. SIZER

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